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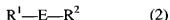
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

1 – 15. **(Canceled).**

16. **(Currently amended)** A catalytic system comprising:

(a) a strongly acidic ion-exchange resin polymeric catalyst (+), and

(b) a (co)oligomerization additive of general formula (2)



wherein:

E represents an element of group 16;

$R^1$  represents a hydrogen or deuterium atom;

$R^2$  represents a hydrogen or deuterium atom, or a group of formula  $-E_{14}(R_{14})(R'_{14})(R''_{14})$ ;

wherein:

$E_{14}$  is an element of group 14;

$R_{14}$ ,  $R'_{14}$  and  $R''_{14}$  represent, independently, a hydrogen atom; a deuterium atom;

or a substituted or non-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl or aryl,

wherein said substituent or substituents comprise: halos,

hydroxys, alkyls, alkoxys, cycloalkyls, cycloalkoxys, aryls, aryloxys, carboxys,

alkoxycarbonyls, cycloalkoxycarbonyls and aryloxycarbonyls or mixtures thereof;

for the (co)oligomerization of lactide and/or glycolide by ring opening

wherein the quantity of monomer relative to the quantity of (co)oligomerization additive ranges from 2 to 30 molar equivalents.

17. **(Canceled).**

18. **(Previously presented)** The catalytic system of claim 16, wherein the quantity of monomer relative to the quantity of (co)oligomerization additive ranges from 4 to 10 molar equivalents.
19. **(Currently amended)** The catalytic system of claim 16, wherein the polymeric catalyst (4) comprises a styrene and divinylbenzene-based macroreticular resin with sulfonic acid functions.
20. **(Currently amended)** The catalytic system of claim 16, wherein the polymeric catalyst (4) comprises a macroreticular Amberlyst® or Dowex® resin.
21. **(Currently amended)** The catalytic system of claim 20, wherein the polymeric catalyst (4) comprises an Amberlyst® resin.
22. **(Previously presented)** The catalytic system of claim 16, wherein the compound of general formula (2) is such that
- E represents an oxygen or sulfur atom;
- $R^1$  represents a hydrogen atom;
- $R^2$  represents a hydrogen atom or a group of formula  $-E_{14}(R_{14})(R'_{14})(R''_{14})$ ;
- wherein  $E_{14}$  is a carbon or silicon atom;
- $R_{14}$ ,  $R'_{14}$ , and  $R''_{14}$  represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, or substituted or non-substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl or aryl,
- wherein said substituent or substituents comprise: halos, alkyls, cycloalkyls, phenyls, naphthyls, carboxys and alkoxy-carbonyls or mixtures thereof.
23. **(Previously presented)** The catalytic system of claim 16, wherein the compound of general formula (2) is such that
- E represents an oxygen atom;

$R^1$  represents a hydrogen atom;

$R^2$  represents a hydrogen atom or a group of formula  $-E_{14}(R_{14})(R'_{14})(R''_{14})$ ;

wherein  $E_{14}$  is a carbon atom;

$R_{14}$ ,  $R'_{14}$ , and  $R''_{14}$  represent, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a substituted or non-substituted alkyl radical

wherein said substituent or substituents comprise: alkyls, carboxys, and alkoxy carbonyls, or mixtures thereof.

24. **(Previously presented)** The catalytic system of claim 16, wherein the compound of general formula (2) is such that

E represents an oxygen atom;

$R^1$  represents a hydrogen atom;

$R^2$  represents a hydrogen atom or a group of formula  $-E_{14}(R_{14})(R'_{14})(R''_{14})$

wherein  $E_{14}$  represents a carbon atom and

$R_{14}$ ,  $R'_{14}$ , and  $R''_{14}$  represent, independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical.

25. **(Currently Amended)** The catalytic system of claim 16, wherein the compound of general formula (2) comprises a water or an alcohol.

26. **(Previously presented)** The catalytic system of claim 25, wherein the alcohol is an aliphatic alcohol.

27. **(Previously presented)** The catalytic system of claim 26, wherein the aliphatic alcohol is isopropanol, pentan-1-ol, dodecan-1-ol, or mixtures thereof.

28 – 32. **(Withdrawn)**.